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Chickasaw County, Miss., Sept. 14th and 15th, 1922.

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denomination, it is all the more important that the churches of the association be strongly bound together; giving aid, strength and encouragement to each other in the midst of their problems, plans and undertakings. With the purpose of making our association more effective in service both within its own territory and within the great fields beyond its bounds, several new suggestions and recommendations are being offered.

1. PROPOSED NEW PLANS AND ORGANIZATIONS

1. A new plan for conducting the sessions of the association has been presented by the program committee. Instead of making a separate report on each of the causes to be considered, it is proposed that there be three reports covering all the causes, designated as reports on Missions, Education, and Social Service. This is the same plan, modified in some particulars, which has been adopted by the Baptist State Convention. It will, in our judgment, prove to be of great value in bringing the association to the highest point of efficiency in conducting its meetings, and we give it our fullest indorsement.

2. The program committee presents another recommendation which should serve as a great aid in making effective during the year whatever work is projected at the session of this body. Instead of continuing the present Executive Committee it is proposed that an Associational Executive Board be created in its place. This Board is to be composed of one member from each church. The officers of the association and the pastors of the churches, when not actual members of the board, are to be considered advisory members, without voting power. This board will meet quarterly, and have not only an executive session in which business matters will be transacted but will also provide for an inspirational program for the public and will give special emphasis each quarter to some important, phase of the church work, such as BYPU, WMU, Sunday School, and other causes needing emphasis. We give to this recommendation our heartiest approval.

3. We recommend to the association the endorsement of the movement to encourage all the churches to consider November as financial budget month, when each member will

be solicited to give during the next calendar year systematically and proportionally, considering the tithe as the minimum, both to local church expenses and to the benevolent causes supported by the denomination.

5. We recommend that as far as is practicable institutes be held in all the churches during the year, all churches co-operating together. There are many churches in the association that have no Sunday School, BYPU or WMU. Some organization can be outlined by the Executive Committee that can reach and help wonderfully in this work.

II. MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE

The mission work within the state has made good progress during the year. While the financial conditions have not not been as good as last year, yet the pastors and churches and all the working forces of the denomination in the state have rendered splendid service and the varions causes have made great strides forward.

1. THE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

1. We call special attention to the Re-inforcement Campaign which will be put on in all of the associations this fall, when an effort will be made (a) to enlist all members who did not subscribe to the 75 Million Campaign at the beginning and all new members who have since come into the church; (b) to collect all pledges due and to solicit cash contributions from all who made no pledges, and (c) to enroll as many tithers as possible in all our churces.

2. We present the following facts concerning the progress of the 75 Milion Campaign up to May 1st, 1922: Amount pledged by Mississippi, $4,209,585. Amount paid first year, $862,195, second year, $535,273, third year, $427,182.58, total $1,824,651.58. Amount paid by all of the South, $35,164.309.77.

We would urge that contributions to this fund be made regulrrly by all of the churches and that the treasurers forward the amounts monthly to Dr. R. B Gunter, Jackson.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Bro. J. E. Byrd, our Sunday School Secretary, sends out the following message to the associations concerning the Sunday School work in the state for the year:

"The Sunday School workers have visited one hundred and sixty-six churches. Have delivered one thousand and twelve diplomas. Have delivered a sum total of three thousand four hundred sixty awards. Have conducted or aided in thirteen city training schools. Have held forty-six rural schools. Have given two weeks' work each to the negroes at Jackson College and Natchez College. There have been fifteen additions to the churches by letter, forty-five additions by baptism and twenty-six other professions of faith."

Bro. Byrd makes the following recommendations:

1. That we give special attention to extension work in the association, and that the executive Board of the association be instructed to make an effort to organize a Sunday School in every church.

2. That special emphasis be put on class organization. Through class organization we can enlist the church membership in Bible study.

3. That great emphasis be put on teacher training work. The need of the hour is trained workers. We insist that every church needs its season of training just as it now has its season of revival.

4. That we give large place in all of our Sunday Schools to our denominational work, which includes all of the causes supported by the 75 Million Campaign.

5. That our special days be enphasized in all of the Sunday Schools on account of thetr educational value.

3. B. Y. P. U. WORK

The Baptist Young People's Union has seen marvelous growth during the year. Secretary Auber J. Wilds sends a splendid report from which these facts are taken:

Last year 500 unions were reported. One hundred have been added in the year, making 600 unions in the state. Twenty of these are one hundred per cent in daily Bible read-

ing. Thirty-six unions report every member giving systematically and regularly to the church and to the causes fostered by the church. Last year thirty-five unions reported A-1 standard, and this year forty other unions join them, making seventy-five A-1 unions in the state. Three thousand diplomas and seals have been awarded to those who stood successful examinations on BYPU books. There are fifteen unions in our colleges, one in Clarke, three in Blue Mountain, four in Mississippi College and seven in the Woman's College.

Four banners were awarded at the state convention at Meridian to unions making the highest grades along certain prescribed lines. The Senior Banner went to the Baptist Orphanage Senior Union, the Junior Banner to the First Laurel Juniors, the "Other Work" Banner to the Columbia Intermediates, and the College Banner to the Woman's College. An Intermediate Banner will be given next year, and also a banner to the church reporting the highest percentage based on the "Nine Points of Efficiency" recently published.

There is now literature published by the Sunday School Board for three grades in BYPU work, instead of two grades as heretofore. Now we have Juniors 9-12, Intermediates 13-16, and Seniors from 17 up. It is recommended that each church shall have a BYPU Director who shall have supervision over the entire BYPU work of the church, after the same manner as we now have a superintendent of the Sunday School.

4. W. M. U. WORK

No phase of our work has made more substancial progress than the work of the Woman's Missionary Union under the direction of Miss M. M. Lackey, Corresponding Secretary. The following report is submitted:

Three regular workers are in the field and four special workers, who have attended fifty six associations, and have held twenty-seven associational institutes. Six district meetings have been held. The Woman's Missionary Union work has been conducted at two summer assemblies. One State W. M. U. Convention has been held. Nine hundred and fifty Mission study classes have been conducted during the year, and one

thousand one hundred and thirty-nine certificates and forty-honor certiffcates have been granted.

5. LAYMEN'S WORK

The laymen have been very active in all the work of the kingdom during the past year. As a program for the future we would recommend the following:

1. That our laymen take a large part in the Reenforcement Campaign that is to be put on this fall for enlisting all the unenlisted churches and church members in support of the objects fostered by the 75 Million Campaign. This will be done in every association under direction of the Associational Publicity director who will plan to use every capable layman for a general speaking campaign among the churches.

2. That our laymen push to completion the enlisting of thirty thousand tithers in Mississippi. A great number were brought to see their duty in this regard during the past year, but many yet are not giving as God has prospered them.

3. That individual laymen study the subject of stewardship, and that classes in stewardship be taught, using such books as "The Deacon's Daughter", by McConnell, "Stewardship and Missions," by Cook, "Studies in Stewardship," by Leavell, and "Trusteeship;" by Stevenson.

4. That every organized Men's Bible Class plan to send out Mission Bands to aid and inspire the weaker churches of the association. This work is being done in several associations with wonderful results.

6. ENLISTMENT WORK

This work is divided into five districts, with a brother working in each district whose duty it is to enlist every church that is not enlisted in denominational work and to aid every church in more efficient service for the master and reach every unenlisted member, getting all to cooperate in the building up of the Kingdom work. The Leader in our district is Bro. R. A Kimbrough, of Blue Mountain, Miss.

7. PUBLICATIONS

1. Baptist Periodicals.

The Baptist Record now has a circulation of abou

10,050. The responsibilities of the paper have increased as the denominational interests have multiplied until the Record fills a very large place in the ongoing work. It has stedily improved for the past few years until it now ranks second to none in the South. Other improvements are anticipated in the near future. Our great task is to see that the cost is placed in the local expense budget of all the churches and the paper sent to every Baptist home. Many churches have adopted this plan during the past year.

We would call attention to the importance of putting into all our Baptist homes, the Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service and the Orphanage Gem.

2. The Baptist Press

The Baptist Printing Press is now ready to do printing for all our Baptist interests. The Baptist Record is now being printed on our own press. The printing plant complete has been put in and paid for at a cost of nearly $20,000. It is an up-to-date plant in every particular and deserves the hearty patronage and support of our people.

3. The Baptist Book Store

The Baptist Book Store is carrying a complete line of Bibles, song books, Theological works, and other books of general interest. The net sales up to the present time for this year has been $17,900, which is $1,500 more than for the same period last year. We would urge our people to patronize our own book store.

4. Tract Department

A splendid assortment of tracts on all phases of our work can be had by writtng to Dr R. B. Gunter. There are tracts on tithing, stewardship, evangelism, doctrines of our faith, denominational plans, and on all phases of mission work. Why not all of the churches make use of this abundant supply of tracts provided by our State Board.

8. CHURCH EXTENTION

One of the most important phases of work which our Baptist State Convention Board is doing is the work of church extension. This means the aiding of churches in places and under

conditions where the churches are unable themselves financially to reach their possibilities for service. Many of the churches which are now our strongest support in financial matters were at one time aided by this fund.

There are now one hundred and fifty-five pastors in the state whose salaries are being supplemented by the State Board. The amount appropriated for this purpose for the year was $20,000. The Board aided eighteen churches in the construction of houses of worship during the past year, and the appropriation for this cause was $18,000.

III. MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

1. Home Missions

The work which the Home Mission Board is doing consists of Co-operative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Cuba and Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium and Church Extension.

The departments of Enlistment and Evangelism have recently been placed under the same superintendent, Dr. O. E. Bryan, and the work of the two departments has been more closely co-ordinated.

The work of the Home Board was very greatly enlarged at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign, and because of a very heavy decrease in cash receipts during the past year, a heavy indebtedness has been incurred. But by reducing expenses and retrenching the work wherever possible and with the increase in receipts this indebtedness is being gradually reduced.

There were last year a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions under direction of the Home Board. These workers delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,992 religious visits, baptised 56,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 305 churches, built and improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools, distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

2. Foreign Missions

Southern Baptists are now workiag in sixteen countries

of the world, comprising a population of nine hundred millions, one-fourth of the world's population, or a population twenty-five times as large as the population in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The countries in which we now labor are China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Hungary, Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, the Ukraine, that portion of Southern Russia lying east of the Ukraine, Syria and Palestine.

During the past year Dr. Everett Gill has been made superintendent of our new work in Europe and great progress has been made in the work. Rev. H. E. Porter has been appointed as our first missionary to Russia The Foreign Board has expended seven thousand dollars during the year for distribution of Bibles in Russia. In Syria and Palestine two native missionaries have been doing faithful work, and the Board at its meeting in May appointed two young men for this field. They with their wives will soon go to Palestine for the purpose of laying the foundation of a wide work in the Holy Land.

There are now 622 churches in the foreign fields with a membership of 64,251. There are 206 of these churches which are self-supporting and 375 of them own their own houses of worship. They gave an average of $7.24 per member last year. There are 694 schools with 26,507 students. There are 971 Sunday Schools with 53,691 scholars. There were 7,891 baptisms during the year, being almost one thousand more than the year before. Contributions to Foreign Missions were sadly reduced last year. The year before Southern Baptists gave $2,498,381 and last year they gave only $1,755,678, making a drop in receipts of $742,703.

This is our solemn obligation—to maintain and advance what we have so nobly begun. Unparalleled opportunities face a people with unmatched doctrines and resources. What shall we do? Go backward? Or, go Forward?

COMMITTEE BY CHAS. NELSON.

Rev. W. A. Sullivan read the following resolu-

tion recommending the organization of an Associational Committee:

Whereas there is urgent need of closer co-operation between the churches of the Chickasaw County Baptist Association; and,

Whereas there is also imperative need of more direct and democratic co-operation between the churches of this association and the State Mission Board;

Therefore the Chichasaw County Baptist Association recommends to the churches of the association:

1. That there be organized at once an Associational Committee composed of one layman from each church of the association, said layman to be duly elected by his church.

2. All pastors of the churches and the officers of the association shall be ex-officio members of the Associational Committee.

3. The Associational Committee shall serve in an advisory and executive capacity, and shall have no legislative powers whatever.

4. That the Associational Committee shall meet at least once quarterly.

5. That the committee shall make a complete survey of the needs of the work in Chickasaw County, and devise a plan by which the work of our denomination shall be effectively projected into every part of the county.

6. That the Associational Committee shall confer and advise with the State Mission Board as to the best way in which the churches of this association and the State Mission Board may work together for the furtherance of the interests of the Kingdom of God.

7. That the moderator of this association shall appoint a chairman and secretary who shall proceed at once to organize the Associational Committee.

The resolution was adopted.

Pending a motion to adopt the report was discussed by J. E. Byrd, and the body adjourned to meet at 1:45, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After devotional exercises consisting of songs scriptural quotations, the discussion of missions was resumed by the following brethren: Chas. Nelson, W. A. Sullivan and S. P. Andrews.

The report was adopted as read.

Brethren A. R. Schuh, W. C. Ballard and E. M. Sullivan were appointed a Committee on Digest of Letters.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

We, your committee, recommend that this Association adopt the uniform order of business as suggested by the State Board. Signed by Committee.

The recommendation was adopted.

Upon the adoption of the recommendation it became necessary to revise the Constitution of the Association. The Moderator appointed as a committee on said revision brethren W. A. Sullivan, S. P. Andrews and Chas. Nelson.

Rev. W. A. Sullivan then presented the following report on Christian Education:

Report on Mississippi Baptist Colleges

Mississippi have wisely built and are now supporting a group of schools composed of Mississippi College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi Woman's College, and Clarks Memorial College. There were enrolled in these colleges last year about 1250 students, 119 of whom were ministerial students.

The most serious question confronting Mississippi Baptist colleges just now is that of "Standardization." Mississipp

College has met every requirement of the standard set by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges except that of endowment. Mississippi College lacks $250,000.00 having the endowment of $500,000 00 required by the standard of the Southern Associations of Schools and Colleges. It is humiliating to Alumni of Mississippi College to know that when graduates from Mississippi go to such schools as the University of Chicago and Columbia Univirsity to continue their studies they are entered "conditionally" while graduates from Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi are entered without condition or question.

The situation which our women's colleges face is deplorable. There are nineteen high schools in Mississippi known as All-Southern Accredited High Schools. There are about forty other of the best high schools in Mississippi which are now preparing as fast as they can to become All-Southern Accredited High Schools. Graduates from neither Blue Mountain nor the Mississippi Woman's College can qualify for a position as a member of more than 25 per cent of the faculty of these schools, the reason being that Blue Mountain and Mississippi Woman's College are not accredited as standard by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. For the same reason graduates from Blue Mountain and Mississippi Woman's College who teach in our neighboring states of Louisiana and Alabama are forced to do so with a "B" class certificate, thus taking second place among the teachers of those states.

Shall graduates of Mississippi College continue to be humiliated by being entered "conditionally" in the higher universities of the country, while graduates from Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi are entered without question? Shall the high schools of Mississippi shut their doors in the face of women who graduate from our Baptist colleges?

In view of these facts, therefore, Be it resolved by the Chickasaw County Association convened September 14, 1922, that this Association prays the Mississippi Baptist State Convention meeting with the First Baptist Church, Grenada, Mississippi, November, 1922, to authorize the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention to take immediate

steps to provide a way by which Mississippi Baptist men and women may have the advantage of a standard college course in Mississippi Baptist Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Sullivan, Chairman.

The report was discussed by W. A. Sullivan and S. P. Andrews. The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed to have the above report published in the Baptist Record.

After announcements the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION

The Association convened at 7:30. After devotional exercises, Rev. Chas. Nelson delivered the Introductory Sermon which was inspiring and well received by a splendid audience.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

After devotional exercises, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominations—W. A. Sullivan, D. W. Hodges and B. C. Lancaster.

Obituaries—W. C. Ballard, Stanley Andrews and R. L. Brown.

Resolutions—Chas. Nelson, J. J. Hill and W. L. Brown.

The following report on Social Service was read by Rev. H. M. Collins:

Report of Social Service

I. SOCIAL SERVICE IN GENERAL

The personal ministry of Jesus was threefold—preaching, teaching aud healing; yet it was one ministry. We are told that "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the

people."

The program of Jesus is our program. This threefold ministry is our task. We are to preach, we are to teach, we are to heal. While we do the one, we must not neglect the other. While we do each, we must realize that it is all one ministry, one common task.

In order that we may fully consider each phase of this threefold ministry, we have outlined our work in Mississippi under three heads, Missions, Education and Social Service.

Under the head of Social Service fall all agencies that seek to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease, and everything that concerns Society as a whole.

We as Christian Citizens are to deal with these problems; (1) through preventative measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories; and (3) through relief measures, hospitals orphanages, Good will centers, care of old preachers, etc.

The preventative and corrective measures are being undertaken in a great way by our Government and by many civic and benevolent organizations. These agencies deal also in some degree with relief measures. But it is with the latter phase of social service, that of relieving the suffering and needy, that our churches and our denomination have sought to deal more directly. However, we must not forget that all agencies seeking to deal with any phase of this great problem must have the active co-operation of the churches if they are to succeed.

In viewing the subject of social service as a whole, your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That our Association consider the ministry of Social Service as co-equal with Missions and Educations.

2. That our own social service institutions, the orphanage at Jackson, the hospitals at Jackson and Memphis, the Good Will Center at Meridian and the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annunity of Dallar, Texas, be given a higher place in the interest, prayers and co-operation of our people. Let the reports fron those institutions as given below be carefully considered and let their requests and suggestions be heeded by

our people.

3. That our people be urged to give sympathetic interest and co-operation to such existing agencies as the State Board of Health, the Anti-Saloon League, the Federal Prohibition Officials and the Mississippi Children's Home Finding Society, in the great work they are undertaking to accomplish in our midst.

4. That our churches be asked to address themselves in heroic fashion to the social needs in their own communities. If a community is dirty and sloven, with disease lurking at every turn, with immorality and crime winked at or permitted, it is impossible in that atmosphere to develop pure, noble, Christ-like lives. Down at the root of our dangers lies the drink evil. Let every community purge itself of every form of this deadly, soul-destroying traffic.

II. STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.

1. Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Supt.

The Baptist Orphanage which was established twenty-five years ago has cared for more than one thousand children, many of whom are now filling positions of usefulness in our state and other states. We have now in the home one hundred and eighty children, all of whom are in good health, and are being trained in many of the arts and avocations preparatory to a useful life; special attention being given to their mental, moral and religious training.

This Home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Our people have been loyal in their support of our orphan children in the years past. They are now receiving their support through the 75 Million fund, their prorata of which is just sufficient to meet their actual expenses if all pledges are paid. We urge our churches and Sunday Schools to pay up their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign so that our children may have their living. We would also urge that our people continue their donations of clothing, dry goods, groceries, and supplies of all kinds which help very materially in their support. We would also urge that our churches and people generally join with the forces that are now seeking to improve the sanitary,

health and moral conditions throughout our state, and in so doing prevent the necessity of breaking up many homes, and separating children from their mothers.

2. Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Supt.

In 1910 the Baptist Hospital began operations in an old wooden structure with less than ten beds. In 1912 by heroic effort the Board of Trustees erected a brick structure with thirty-five beds—they found that this was not a sufficient number of beds to meet the growing demands. In 1921 the present magnificent building was completed giving us about seventy-five beds, and with three side closed porches and two on the front at least fifty more patients could be cared for in an emergency. The hospital is enjoying a larger patronage than ever before and its popularity is increasing in proportion to the number of patients cared for.

The Hospital has an up-to-date X-ray outfit, a well equipped Laboratory and a complete Maternity Department which would do credit to a large city hospital.

All reputable physicians and surgeons are allowed and invited to bring their patients to the Baptist Hospital. We have one of the best Nurses Training Schools in the state, with twenty-two student nurses now in training. Young ladies from nineteen to thirty years of age with high school education and of good moral character are invited to write us if they desire to train for a splendid profession which affords a large field of service.

Our surgical and medical staff is composed of the best men of the profession.

The hospital is under obligation to the WMUs and other church and Sunday School organizations for the splendid boxes of useful linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., sent to us in the past and it is hoped that this will continue.

The Hospital is doing a large amount of charity work; but we must ask our friends to always communicate with the Superintentendent before sending charity patients as the number of charity patients cared for must necessarily be in proportion to the pay patients in the hospital. The Baptist Hospital is not

a money making institution, but our purpose is to use every dollar we take in from pay patients, above expenses, for those who are not able to pay for hospital care. So by this plan the money of the pay patient above the amount needed to maintain the hospital goes toward caring for the poor sick who cannot care for themselves. As far as we know the Baptist Hospital is the only hospital in the state, except the Methodist Hospital at Hattiesburg, which does this.

3. **Baptist Memorial Hospital,** W. R. Bethea, Supt.

The notable features of our work for the first six months of 1922 are:

The completion and occupation of the Hughla Dockery Memorial Home for nurses; the enlargement of the equipment of the children's department, third floor, with scientific diet kitchen and two ward rooms for crippled children; and the opening of the hydro-and electro-therapy department on the first floor.

Patients admitted out number any previous six months, reaching a total of 4,168. Tennessee sent 2,747 of these, Mississippi 778 Arkansas 517, and other states 125. There were 512 treated free in the wards, 330 coming from Tennessee, 74 from Mississippi, 75 from Arkansas and 33 from other states.

The X-ray department handled 1,041 patients for diagnosis and 102 for treatment, ministering to these patients 1928 times in the six months. The laboratory made 6,410 examinations for diagnosis.

Financially the hospital has made a large increase in receipts, as well as in service rendered. The six months business amounted to $329.621.38. Of this $35.089.36 was in charity, $4.800.37 complimentary service for pastors, $989.85 doctors' discounts, and $1,438.27 in other discounts and allowances.

The Woman's Auxillary, formerly known as the Linen Band is still carrying on in a vigorous and helpful way.

The hospital pastor, Rev. M. D. Jeffries, is well into his fifth year of service.

4. **Good Will Center,** Willie Mae McLellan, Supt.

One of the active exponents of Social Service in the

state is the Good Will Center located at Meridian.

This "Center" is well named in that it is centrally located in a District surrounded by mill and factory people. A very splendid building suitable for the purpose and well fitted out is presided over by a Manager who has been well trained for this work. Commodious and comfortable class rooms are open all day and far into the evening for clubs of every helpful variety: Mothers Clubs, Young Women's Clubs, Young Men's Clubs, clubs for boys and girls and even for little children are well organized and definite plans for teaching are systematically carried out. A day nursery provides for little children of mothers who must work throughout the day. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are never neglected. All phases of religious work are looked after.

The Center proves a God-send for the sick, the afflicted and the poverty stricken.

The Good Will Center is indeed a worth-while exponent of Social Service. Hence the suggstion is here made that our Social Service Committe, when such shall be appointed, will take note of this fact and investigate the needs ot such an institution within the bounds of our association.

III. SOUTH-WIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. The Relief and Annuity Board,

Wm. Lunsford, Cor. Sec'y.

The Relief and Annuity Board was started in September 1918, in Dallas, Texas, by order of the Southern Baptist Convention. It has, therefore seen three and one half years of actual service.

It has invested assets today of $419,027.25 in the Relief Department and $730,061.27 in the Annuity Department, making a total of $1,149,088.52.

The Board has gathered and invested for the two Departments in the form of endowment and reserve, at the rate of $383,029.50 per year. In addition thereto, it has paid to its old and retired preachers $300,173.31, or at the rate of $100,057.77 as an average per year for the past three years. The Board paid out during the past year to her relief beneficiaries the sum

of $128,966.89, which is $10,000.00 in excess of what they paid them the previous year.

In a little while after the beginning of this convention year, because of the financial stress and the great decline in collections, the Board saw that retrenchment was unavoidable; but, in so doing, observed the policy of not taking pensioners from the list who should properly be on the board, but so used their money as to give to each worthy one at least a part. No fairer or more equitable way of distributing the relief money could have been followed. The only chance to increase the aid of these old soldiers of the cross is for our people to pay their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month. While the Board has made great strides since its organization in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, still the need is very great. May the Lord lead his people, through earnest prayer and faithful giving to magnify the work of this Board.

The regular order of business was suspended and Rev. H. M. Collins invited to preach at 11 o'clock. Bro. Collins delivered a splendid discourse.

After announcements the body adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The committee on revision of constitution made the following report:

Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution

1. That Article II shall read: "It shall be composed of messengers duly elected by regular Missionary Baptist Churches and pastors of said churches."

2. That Article VIII shall read: "There shall be an Executive Board consisting of one layman from each church in the Association, said layman to be duly elected by his church. Pastors and officers of the Association shall be members of the Executive Board ex-officio.

3. That we elect each year a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. A. Sullivan, Chairman, Chas. Nelson.

Said report was adopted.

The report on social service was discussed by Brethren D. W. Hodges, H. M. Collins, W. A. Sullivan, Chas Nelson, W. L. Brown, W. C. Ballard and J. S. Price.

Report adopted.

Rev. W. A. Sullivan read the following report on nominations:

To preach the annual sermon: W. C. Ballard.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention: M. T. Springer.

Place of next associational meeting: Mt. Olive, southwest of Okolona.

Time of next meeting: Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1923.

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention: J. H. Ford, A. T. Stovall.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Sullivan, D. W. Hodges and B. C. Lancaster.

Adopted.

Report on obituaries was read by Stanley Andrews:

Report on Obituaries

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that we have lost the following from our membersnip during the associational year:

Arbor Grove—Mrs. N. J. Boring, Mrs. Jessie Brooks.

Center Hill—Celest Clark.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. Martha Sullivan, Mrs. Cook.

Providence—Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman.

Okolona—Maggie Callis, Mrs. Penn Knox, W. N. Hampton, J. L. Wilks.

Adopted.

Rev. D. W. Hodges was elected chairman and

Rev. W. A. Sullivan secretary of the associational board.

Report on digest of church letters was read and adopted.

Rev. Chas. Nelson offered the following resolution of thanks: That we offer a prayer of praise and thanksgiving unto our Lord for the most gracious blessings of the past year, that we extend our most grateful thanks to the Providence Baptist church and community for the unprecedented hospitality which they have accorded us. Adopted.

On motion the association adjourned its third annnal session to meet with Mt. Olive Baptist church, on Thursday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1923.

CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	S. S. SUPT. & P.
Arbor Grove..	J. F. Tulley, Troy..	Minnie Lee Davis,Houston	.....
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Bethel	Putman, Houston.....	W. S. Dendy, Woodland..	T. A. House, Houston
Center Hill...	T. H. Winters, Algoma....	W M. Helms, Van Vleet	M. T. Strange, Housto
Friendship	.....	.....	.....
Houlka	S. P. Andrews, Houlka...	I. N. Joiner.....	W. J. Stacy, Houlka...
Houston	D. W. Hodges, Houston...	W. A. Wilkinson.....	Mrs. K. Gilfoy, Housto
Mt. Olive.....	Charles Nelson, Shannon	E. M. Sullivan, Okolona...	Chas. Garner, Okolon
Okolona.....	W. A. Sullivan, Okolona..	J. S. Price, Okolona.....	A. T. Stovall, Okolon
Providence....	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	J. S. Smith, McCondy.....	J. H. Couch, McCond
Parkersburg...	W. L. Brown.	Betty May Neal, Houston..	Baron Neal, Houston
PleasantGrove	M.C.Putman,Slate Springs	L. D. Conner	.....
Pleasant Ridge	Paul Townsend, Mantee..	D. D. Dendy.....	.....
Unity	T. H. Winters	W. A. Winters.....	.....
Van Vleet.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodland.....	D. W. Hodges, Houston...	.....	.....
Hebron.....	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	J. A. King..	E. R. Patterson Egypt

& P. O.	Increase			D'crease			Total Membership	No. S.S. Pupils	No. S.S. T'ch'rs.	Value Church Property	S. S. Expense	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	75 Million Campaign	Minute Fund	TOTAL
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